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Old Shep

K2ORS's article on "perspective" (May CQ) brought many letters of agreement and congratulation. Those of you in the eastern U.S. may have taken out a few moments to tune in on ol' Shep on Sunday nights (9 to 1) on WOR (710) and listen to his quite unusual weekly four hour monologue. He has gotten so popular in the area that I find that merely knowing him makes me in demand. Jean Shepherd clubs are forming all over the place.

On recent visits to Northern Jersey (W2BBK), Scarsdale, and the remoter corners of Brooklyn I found that Shep was all the rage. High school boys are measured by their ability to imitate him. The girls listen minutely to his broadcasts so they can avoid "creeping meatballism".

I just thought you'd like to keep up to date.

New Distribution System

Letters come in pretty steadily complaining about not being able to find CQ on the newsstands any more. We cut down on our newsstand circulation quite some time ago and have been doing all we could to get the idea across that we really prefer to have you aboard as a subscriber. This is not only safer, but a heck of a lot cheaper too. And besides, the advertisers like it better.

If you are still supporting your newsdealer you may run into even more difficulty than usual for we are changing to a new magazine distributor. It is a good outfit, but I shudder to think how long it will take them to find out how many issues to send to what places. Things will probably be in a turmoil for months. Keep holding out on that subscription if you want, but get set for some real magazine hunting for the next couple months. And remember, subscribers get first crack at the classified section.

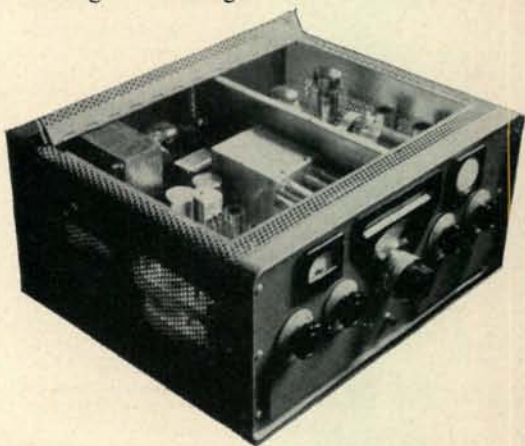
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Only the first flash reactions to my editorial in the June CQ have come in so far. All of them are indicative of action, so maybe we will be able to hold on to eleven meters. Along this line I have been trying to find someone down in Washington who could keep us all informed on just what was up in a regular column. No takers. We have almost as much

secrecy ham radio-wise in Washington as do the nuclear crowd. Nuts.

New SSB Exciter

Central Electronics unveiled their new Broad Band SSB exciter at the Chicago Parts Show in May. This unit, scheduled for production in a couple more months, has some very intriguing features. The broad band system makes for a much simpler front panel . . . there are just five controls: 1) an emission switch which selects cw-pm-fsk-dsb-ssb/upper-ssb/lower-am-am/upper only-am/lower only. 2) meter switch. 3) VFO tuning control, fine and rapid tuning. 4) band switch. 5) Off-manual-standby-VOX switch. All the other necessary controls are behind the little doors since they are of the "set-'em and forget-'em" variety. The rig runs quite a bit more power than other exciters and makes quite a fine little rig all in itself. Notice that a 2" scope is built right into the rig, an excellent innovation since a scope is almost mandatory for checking on SSB rigs.



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